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Mechanisms to Allocate the Tariff Rate Quota for Poultry

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Report Highlights:

Further to the announcement of the tariff rate quota for U.S. chicken leg quarters for 50,000 MT that the Secretariat of Economy (SE) published on January 22, 2003, SE published the allocation mechanism, in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register), on January 31, 2003

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on January 31, 2003.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: Further to the announcement of the tariff rate quota (TRQ) for U.S. chicken leg quarters for 50,000 MT that the Secretariat of Economy (SE) published on January 22, 2003, (Report 3012), SE published the allocation mechanism, in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), on January 31, 2003. The products are classified under tariff numbers 0207.13.03 and 0207.14.04. The quota will be destined, as in the past, to the northern border line, the border region, and Puerto Morelos (Cancun). Requests for this TRQ will be accepted for the six working days following the publication of this agreement..

Title: Agreement to notify the quotas to import U.S. chicken leg quarters, thighs and legs under a tariff-rate for 2003.

Important Dates

- 1. Publication Date:** January 31, 2003
- 2. Effective Date:** February 1, 2003

Additional Information: According to the announcement, 40 percent of the allocation will be destined to companies with historical allocation or traditional importers, and 60 percent of the TRQ will be allocated by cold room and warehouse storage area of the importer. Meaning that new importers will have to prove they have storage facilities in order to get a part of the TRQ. The documents to request the TRQ are available at the Federal representations of the SE and by Internet at www.cofemer.gob.mx. The hemoagglutination inhibition (HI) test is not required for raw poultry destined to the northern border line and Puerto Morelos (Cancun). The Newcastle Disease certification requirement will apply for these areas.

Definitions:

The northern border line is defined as -- The Mexican territory between the international line with the United States and a 20 km parallel line from the International limit, including a portion of the state of Sonora and the Gulf of Mexico, and the municipality of Cananea, Sonora.

The border region is defined as -- Includes the states of Baja California, Baja California Sur, Quintana Roo and a portion of the state of Sonora; the southern border region along with Guatemala and the municipalities of Comitán de Domínguez, Chiapas and Salina Cruz, Oaxaca.

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